

ed, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on April 21, 1977, by a non-record vote; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2152 on May 25, 1977, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate, as amended, on May 24, 1977, by a viva-voce vote.

Approved June 16, 1977.

Effective Aug. 29, 1977, 90 days after date of adjournment.

WRESTLING MATCHES OR FISTIC COMBAT ON SUNDAYS

CHAPTER 853

H. B. No. 2162

An Act relating to fistic combat or wrestling matches after noon on Sundays; amending Subsection (a), Section 1, Chapter 241, General Laws, Acts of the 43rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1933, as amended (Article 8501—1, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. Subsection (a), Section 1, Chapter 241, General Laws, Acts of the 43rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1933, as amended (Article 8501—1, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended ⁷⁴ to read as follows:

“(a) The promoting, conducting or maintaining of fistic combat or wrestling matches, boxing or sparring contests or exhibitions for money remuneration, purses or prize equivalent to be received by the participants or contestants, or where an admission fee thereto or therefor is charged or received, shall be lawful in Texas, except before 12 noon on Sunday, subject to such supervision by the Commissioner of Labor Statistics as such Commissioner possesses over theatres and employees thereof other than performers and under the further provisions hereof; provided, however, that any such contests conducted by educational institutions and/or Texas National Guard units and/or duly recognized amateur athletic organizations shall be exempt from the provisions of this Act as specified under Paragraph (b) of this section.

“Sole jurisdiction and authority is hereby vested in the Commissioner of Labor to enforce the provisions of this Act regulating the promoting, conducting or maintaining of fistic combats, wrestling matches, boxing or sparring contests or exhibitions for money remuneration, purse or prize equivalent to be received by the participants or contestants, or where an admission fee thereto or therefor is charged or received, and he is hereby given specific authority to promulgate such rules and regulations as shall become necessary in carrying out the purposes of this Act, and shall have the power of refusal of licenses or permits to boxers, wrestlers, managers, referees, match-makers, timekeepers, seconds or promoters if after investigation applicant or applicants are found to be of questionable character or not entitled to same under the provisions of this

74. Vernon's Ann.Civ.St. art. 8501—1, subsec. (a).

Act. The definition of the words 'boxer,' 'wrestler,' 'manager,' 'referee,' 'matchmaker,' 'timekeeper,' 'second,' 'promoter,' together with the phrases 'fistic combat,' 'wrestling match,' 'boxing contest' as used in this Act shall be accepted as defined by the National Boxing Association and the National Wrestling Association, and the rules governing ring regulations of boxing and wrestling contests or sparring contests or exhibitions, their seconds and referees shall be in accordance with those set out by the National Boxing Association and the National Wrestling Association. The definition of the phrases 'Amateur Contestant' and 'Amateur Contests' shall be that as set forth by the National Amateur Athletic Union.

"If any person, firm or corporation be dissatisfied with any order, ruling or decision of said Commissioner, such aggrieved party may within thirty (30) days from the entry of such order, ruling or decision, appeal therefrom to the District Court of Travis County, Texas, and such Court may hear and determine such appeal, in term time or vacation, by trial de novo. If the aggrieved party shall prevail by final judgment, a certified copy thereof shall be presented to the Commissioner who shall comply with the terms thereof upon the payment of all fees incurred under the terms of this Act."

Sec. 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on May 13, 1977, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 25, 1977: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Approved June 16, 1977.

Effective Aug. 29, 1977, 90 days after date of adjournment.

MABANK-KEMP HOSPITAL DISTRICT—NAME CHANGE, BOUNDARIES, DIRECTORS

CHAPTER 854

H. B. No. 2182

An Act relating to the name, boundaries, creation, election, and directors of the Mabank-Kemp Hospital District; amending Sections 1, 3(a), 3(b), 3(c), 3(d), 4(a), and 4(c), Chapter 22, Acts of the 63rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1973; repealing Sections 24, 25, and 26, Chapter 22, Acts of the 63rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1973; Chapter 861, Acts of the 62nd Legislature, Regular Session, 1971, as amended; Chapter 874, Acts of the 62nd Legislature, Regular Session, 1971, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. Section 1, Chapter 22, Acts of the 63rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1973, is amended ⁷⁵ to read as follows:

"Section 1. In accordance with the provisions of Article IX, Section 9, of the Texas Constitution, this Act shall be operative so as to authorize

75. Vernon's Ann.Civ.St. art. 4494q
note.